

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: burdick@interval.com (Wayne Burdick)
Subject: [1528] (groan) clarification on NC40A shipping
Message-ID: <199507070139.SAA15120@interval.interval.com>

Hi all,

At least one person took offense at the possibility of NC40A product reviewers, however few there might be, getting the jump on others on the shipping list. The idea of getting product reviews was mine and I didn't clear it with Bob, nor did I think through the implications of suggesting it on the net. I have a habit of getting too excited about this stuff. Sorry.

All of the 40As will get shipped in the order that the units were reserved. Bob is working overtime trying to get all of the pre-sold units shipped within two weeks.

My original request for writers stands, but I hereby (tail dragging) retract any offer of acceleration. Live and learn.

Wayne

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: Mike.Czuhajewski@bbs.abs.net (Mike Czuhajewski)
Subject: [1529] DB-25 Phase II "progress"
Message-ID: <1995Jul06.233640.24303@abs.net>

Note the quotes around the "progress". I haven't given up on the project, nor has WG3R. He threatens to start moving forward when he gets done with some projects at work, and this time I think he means it. (Phase II of the DB-25 Challenge puts a QRP something-or-other into an even smaller container than Phase I, which was done in 1990. This time around, we do it in one of those little metal boxes that hold 5 cartridge fuses.)

The latest "progress" was going to the recently-relocated Active Electronics store and buying some surface mount devices--odd part numbers without "2N" on them, but the equivalent of 2N2222, 2N3904 and 2N3906, along with SMT equivalent of 78L05 regulator. At Dayton I bought several values of SMT mica caps, along with some SMT tuning diodes. Slowly but surely getting psyched for the final push! 73 and Queue Our Pea DE WA8MCQ

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From: CLATON.CADMUS@hamlink.mn.org (CLATON CADMUS)
Subject: [1525] GQRP-L
Message-ID: <805053706.AA02788@hamlink.mn.org>

Hello all,

I noticed in a recent message that there is a Gqrp-1 mail list. Could someone post or e-mail me subscription information?

Thanks and

73 de Claton Cadmus, KA0GKC

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If anything I have written makes any cents, I claim copyright!
* SLMR 2.1a * Don't play stupid with me, I'm a better player!

---NoSnail v1.17

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- 612/HAM-0000 v.34 Ham Radio Spoken Here!!
- 612/HAM-1010 v.32b Reply to sender @ hamlink.mn.org

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: "Bob Scott" <bob_scott@cpqm.saic.com>
Subject: [1532] How many kinds of Argosy?
Message-ID: <n1407004446.24062@cpqm.saic.com>

I am confused. How many different flavors of Ten Tec Argosy are there.
So far I have seen referenced Argosy II and Argosy 525D. Are they the
same or is one analog display and the other digital. I wish there was a
Ten Tec FAQ around! Thanks.

73, Bob AC4QO Bob_Scott@cpqm.saic.com

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: bauer@hrz.uni-kassel.de (Stefan Bauer)
Subject: [1533] Look out 4 ** VY 1 QRP **
Message-ID: <9507071926.AA12614@hrz-ws37.hrz.uni-kassel.de>

Dear YL's, XYL's, SWL's, and OM's,

I would like to announce that I, DL1FDF G-QRP 8769, will be active as

*** VY 1 QRP ***

from July 24th until the 16th of October. I will be traveling throughout
Canada, so I will try to be active from :

Ontario VE3/, Manitoba VE4/, Saskatchewan VE5/, Alberta VE6/,
British Columbia VE7/, Northwest Territories VE8/VY1QRP and last but not least
from the YUKON Territory as VY1QRP/p.

>From VY1 - Land I will be active only from wilderness and real remote areas.
(Canoeing and hiking trip !!!!)

There will no fixed skeds be possible, because of the form of traveling.

Skedtimes with Europe:

All skeds not fixed !

>From August until October as VY1QRP/p try the following:

0500 UTC 14060 khz or 14285 khz

Aswell as on all other QRP QRG's:

80m	3.560 khz	3.690 khz
40m	7.030 khz	7.090 khz
20m	14.060 khz	14.285 khz

72 de Steve

es have a lucky day wid qrp ... -.- . .

PS: Hope to meet a lot of OM's from thr G A N G (!!!!..

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73 de DL1FDF alias VY1QRP
Steve from Kassel

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G-QRP # : 8769

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
Subject: [1527] Modular phone plugs
Message-ID: <950706201951_109420712@aol.com>

Hi group,
Sorry for the bandwith, but collectively, this bunch seems to know more technology than any think tank. I want to take the laptop 'puter to France next week. Do they have standard modular plugs in the modern hotels like they do here in the USA?

Also, any members in Nice/Lyon or between interested in an eyeball QSO?
Dinner with the xyls and some radio talk?

Please email direct, as I have bothered the gang enough.
72, Preston WJ2V

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: geoffs@onr.com (Geoff Schecht)
Subject: [1534] NQ7A Introduction to group
Message-ID: <199507072007.PAA21059@Sierra.onr.com>

Hello Everybody:

My name's Geoff Schecht, NQ7A. I just found out about this group from Dave Feldman, WB0GAZ and figured that I'd subscribe. I'm a EE and design RF circuits from time to time but I work mostly with switching supplies and general analog circuits professionally.

I do have an immediate question. Where can you get a Murata ceramic filter from these days? I picked up an ICOM R70 cheaply and the only thing it needs is a better AM filter than the one that's in there. A book I have says that a Murata CFS455I or CFK455I (or perhaps a CFK455J) would work wonders. Anybody got one of these things or know

where I can find one? I've posted this request several times on various UG's and haven't heard much back.

What's the current "hot" QRP rig out there? I have an MXM 40M xceiver that I almost have finished. I was madly chasing after Mizuho HF mini-rigs for a while but they're kinda expensive new for what's in them and I haven't found a used one yet. Ten-Tec stuff any good these days?

What are the Europeans doing in the way of QRP kits these days?

73's for now;

Geoff Schecht NQ7A Austin, TX

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: JEVERHART@cayman.vf.mmc.com
Subject: [1526] Orlando vacation/FD thoughts
Message-ID: <950704213048.20201ce8@carib.vf.mmc.com>

Gang,

Well, my Orlando vacation was a bust ham-wise!

Hoping to grab a few FD contacts, I had my NC-40A, a hastily assembled tuner and some wire to throw out the motel window. Alas, it was not to be. My third floor room in Kissimmee (SP?) overlooked a very active part of the parking lot. The only attachment for the far end of the wire was a tree about 50 feet across the well-lighted parking lot. And security guards patrolled it every few minutes :-). Even so, I thught I could hear CQ FD when I took a shower that night :-).

Several other nights I parked the rental car near my room and ran a wire to it (between security patrols). It tuned up well with a counterpoise and the heater/air conditioner for a ground, but my 1 watt 30-40 just couldn't hack it. Several QRZs and "SRI OM, QRN", but no QSOs. Next time, I'll bring a 5 watt amp!

In another vein, I have some comments based on past FD experience.

Several folks indicated poor results on 80 meters. My experience has been quite the opposite! With a good dipole, a G5RV or an 80 meter horizontal loop, 80 has been a consistent QRP FD performer. Perhaps

that's only true here in the densely populated East Coast, but I doubt it. During Saturday afternoon, it is DEAD! But come dusk, it comes alive with a vengeance. I can consistently run 20-30 contacts per hour with a venerable HW-8 even operating solo and logging on paper. About midnight the rate goes down as everybody goes to bed! Sunday it is slow again until about 2 hours before FD ends. Then there are lots of folks hungry for more QSOs.

40m is admittedly tougher. I can run as many as 20 per hour, but competition is tough with only 1-2 watts. 20m is pretty consistent after the first few hours of bedlam, but I have trouble running high totals in competition with stations with directive antennas. No surprise on 15 and 10 meters. They can be excellent as long as they are open, but poor propagation conditions favor 100 watt stations with beams.

I operate in conjunction with a QRO oriented club who favors SSB. They do their thing and I do mine (QRP CW). My solo effort usually amounts to 200 or so contacts without killing myself.

About operating practices, unquestionably the number one priority is good cw skill (phone is another matter, I prefer dits and dahs.) You must master cw copying in an absolute bedlam of interfering stations. You should be able to handle 25 wpm or so at least in bursts. And you gotta master copying one thing while you're writing something else down. Watch a really good cw op sometime. You'll notice that he is probably writing several words behind what he is hearing (except for Chuck who can type as fast as he can copy :-)). This is a totally unconscious process gained only through experience. And as for keying, be sure you can send CLEARLY as fast as you can copy. It doesn't hurt to be able to operate your keyer with a pencil in your hand. Picking it up and setting it down several hundred times gets very old..... Of course computers are nice and all that, but I'd rather concentrate on putting up good antennas and using my manual skills.

If you can, listen to a good contest operator as he works. You'll learn how to do things in the most efficient way. If you can convince him to let you be his logger, you can learn very efficiently.

A few "tricks":

Don't attempt to tackle the most congested part of whatever band you're on. Your 1 watt will be completely obliterated by the stronger stations. Nibble around the edges where you can be heard. If you can, find a "hole" between several "big boys" who are "running" their frequencies. Others will call CQ after working the big boys knowing that others will hear them after working the big guns.

Listen carefully to the station you are trying to work so that you can gauge his rhythm. If he waits 10 ms between CQ's you are unlikely to work him unless you can hit him with an S9+40 dB signal. If he calls "CQ FD de W55RT BK" don't call him with a long exchange. If you send "W55RT W55RT W55RT de N2CX N2CX N2CX AR K" HE WON'T WAIT. In fact he may have already completed an exchange with a faster op. If he sends at 12 WPM with "CQ CQ CQ FD de KI66DS KI66DS KI66DS K" (sorry Doug :-) , answer him AT THAT SPEED with perhaps "KI66DS KI66DS de N2CX N2CX K" or you may just confuse him.

In relatively open band conditions in FD, I normally answer a QRZ or CD FD with "de N2CX." If he copies me fine, if not he will work someone else or QRZ again. If he says "QRZ ?CX" I'll reply "de N2CX N2CX 5NN SNJ." Most of the time this works and it sure saves lots of time!

Tail-end someone you can sense is an alert operator. For example, if W69ABC has just worked someone and ends the exchange, there may be a momentary lull. Hop in with "ABC de N2CX BK". You just may catch him.

With an op you know on the other end, there's another trick you can use. If he is in QSO and you are sure he has the other guy's info, send (for example) ABC de N2CX while the other guy is sending his call sign. After ABC QSLs he will then call you with no further ado. Presto instant QSO! Just don't obliterate the other guy's exchange or you will have made an enemy of your friend.

When things are tough, don't give up if copy is difficult. Most good operators will stay with you and ask for repeats. After all they want a complete exchange, too.

Above all, be courteous and adjust to the other guy, you'll both make out better that way!

72/73,

Joe E. N2CX

From qrp-l@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: PDouglas12@aol.com
Subject: [1531] overseas Modular plugs
Message-ID: <950707142617_109952566@aol.com>

Thanks everyone for the info on French modem connections. I will try the supermarket first for a converter as suggested by several (assuming the hotel doesn't have one.) 72,

Preston WJ2V

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: brian.carling@acenet.com (Brian Carling)
Subject: [1530] qrp info?
Message-ID: <2a6.34096.500@acenet.com>

From: brian.carling@acenet.com

Can anyone onqrp-1 help this guy?

MP>Was wondering if you had info on qrp rigs available? I am new to qrp, and am
MP>looking for a rig. Was given your address from another ham. Do you put out a
MP>for sale list or anything like that? Any help you can pass along would be
MP>greatly appreciated.

MP>73's Mike
MP>mparkes@aol.com

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From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: burdick@interval.com (Wayne Burdick)
Subject: [1524] Wilderness ships NC40As next week!
Message-ID: <199507062304.QAA22477@interval.interval.com>

Folks,

Wilderness Radio (i.e., Bob Dyer, KD6VIO) has reached their first milestone, and as promised will start shipping the revision B NorCal 40As next week. The paint and screening on the new cabinet is outstanding. He'll have one mostly assembled and in a new cabinet in time for Foothill--stop by and have a look. If my fiancée lets me out of the house on Saturday you can see the first prototype of the WRA-1 keyer/counter almost fully operational, too!

If you have a NorCal 40A on order, and just happen to be something of a writer (as in published), and you'd like to do a product review for one of the major ham magazines, PLEASE call Bob NOW and let him know. No promises, but your name might move up a bit on the shipping list. :)

Thanks, and warm up them irons!

73,
Wayne

From qrp-1@lehigh.edu Fri Jul 7 18:58:00 1995
From: GREGOIRE@VALLEY.NET (ERNEST GREGOIRE)
Subject: [1535] Re: NQ7A Introduction to group
Message-ID: <199507072029.QAA31165@dartvax.dartmouth.edu>

>Hello Everybody:

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>them and I haven't found a used one yet. Ten-Tec stuff any good these
>days?

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> What are the Europeans doing in the way of QRP kits these days?

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>73's for now;

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>Geoff Schecht NQ7A Austin, TX

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>Hello Goeff, Welcome aboard the QRP BUS. I am relatively new to QRP but
have successfully built a 40/40 rig offerd by the QRP CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND.

What's hot? The QRP+ from Index Labs, in Gig Harbour, Washington.
And kits from NorCal as well as kits from various suppliers.
The ARK 40 comes to mind, this is a VFB kit.

I have a QRP+ and I like it very much.As a matter of fact it is now
my primary radio. I'm taking it to Quebec this August for about 10 days.
I plan to fly a kite that will pull up an antenna supplimented with
a counter poise. I'll be on the St Laurent river so there should be plenty
of wind. The river is 15 miles wide where we will be and gets wider
as we travel on towards the Gaspé peninsula.

The messages have been dwindling here for the past few weeks, so don't
be disappointed, I think some folks are on vacation.

73,de AA1IK

Ernie